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Requests for observer status in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The Sixth Committee resumed its consideration of the item entitled "Requests for observer status in the General Assembly" at its 24th and 25th meetings, on 12 and 23 March 2007. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.6/61/SR.24 and 25).

2. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 15 December 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/61/646).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.20

3. At the 24th meeting, on 12 March, the representative of Saudi Arabia, on behalf of Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Chad, the Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, the Gambia, Guinea, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, the Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, the Sudan, Suriname, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Yemen, subsequently joined by Cameroon, Guinea-Bissau and Kyrgyzstan, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Islamic Development Bank Group in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/61/L.20).

4. At its 25th meeting, on 23 March, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.20 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. The representatives of Cyprus and Israel spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution (see A/C.6/61/SR.25).

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III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

6. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Islamic Development Bank Group in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Islamic Development Bank Group,

1. *Decides* to invite the Islamic Development Bank Group to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.